Dost thou hear? it is mine ancient*

HOST. Tilly-fally [3], sir John, never tell me: your ancient swaggerer comes not in my doors. I was before master Tisick, the deputy, the other day; and, as he said to me, — it was no longer ago than Wednesday last, — *Neighbour Quickly*, says he: — master Dumb, our minister, was by then [4]; — *Neighbour Quickly*, says he, *receive those that are civil; for*, saith he, *you are in an ill name*; — now he said so, I can tell whereupon; *for*, says he, *you are an honest woman, and well thought on; therefore take heed what guests you receive: Receive*, says he, *no swaggering companions.* — There comes none here: — you would bless you to hear what he said: — no, I'll no swaggerers.

FAL. He's no swaggerer, hostess; a tame cheater[5],

ster, drink e with a drunkard, be ciuill with a citizen, *fight* with a *swaggerer*, and drabb with a whoore-master. RITSON.

3 tilly-fally.] See vol. xi. p. 39&, n. 7. MALONE.

4 — Master Tisick, the deputy — and master Dumb, our minister.] The names are ludicrously intended to denote that the deputy was *pursy* and *short winded*, the minister one of those who did not preach sermons of his own composition, but only read the homilies set forth by authority; — such clergymen being termed by the puritans, in a phrase borrowed from the prophet, *dumb dogs*; it was an opprobrious name which continued as late as the reign of Charles II. when the presbyterian ministers who were restored by the king, and did not dare to preach "to the times," i. e. to introduce politicks into their sermons, were called dumb dogs that could not bark. *Burnet's Own Times*, v. i. p. 395. BLAKEWAY.

5 — a TAME CHEATER,] Gamester and cheater were, in Shakspeare's age, synonymous terms. Ben Jonson has an epigram on Captain Hazard, the *cheater*.

A *tame cheater*, however, as Mr. Whalley observes to me, appears to be a cant phrase. So, in Beaumont and Fletcher's Fair Maid of the Inn:

"— — and will be drawn into the net

** By this decoy-duck, this *tame cheater*."

Greene, in his Mihil Mumchance, has the following passage:

** They call their art by a new-found name, as *cheating* themselves *cheators*, and the dice *cheelers*, borrowing the term from among our lawyers, with whom all such casuals as

fall to the lord at the